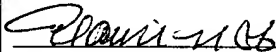


Claim 16 has been amended to distinguish over the Classic Custom Triple Shear Set illustrated in the Arius-Eickert Co., Inc. "Professional Scissor and Shear Collection" catalog. A Declaration of Bruce W. Choy regarding the Classic Custom Triple Shear Set accompanies this Preliminary Amendment. Claim 16, as amended, recites a method of cutting and styling hair with a cutting tool including at least three pairs of scissors, wherein "each pair of the at least three pairs of scissor [is] capable of moving independent of the other pairs of scissors." Support for amendment can be found generally from page 4, line 29 to page 5, line 21.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's Attorney at (408) 453-9200.

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